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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PRESS ON U.S.-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS

REF: TOKYO 7895

1. MAY 25 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON U.S.-NORTH KOREAN  
RELATIONS TAKEN BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WAS:

QUESTION: THE U.S. IS SEEKING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH  
CUBA AND VIETNAM. WHAT IS ITS POLICY WITH REGARD TO  
NORTH KOREA?

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ANSWER: PRESIDENT CARTER HAS SAID THAT WE SEEK TO  
NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES. WITHIN THE  
CONTEXT OF THIS GENERAL POLICY, WE ARE PREPARED TO  
IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA PROVIDED,  
HOWEVER, THAT NORTH KOREA'S ALLIES TAKE SIMILAR STEPS  
TOWARD SOUTH KOREA, AND THAT ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH NORTH  
KOREA INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

2. JAPANESE EMBASSY INQUIRED MAY 26 WHETHER RESPONSE TO QUESTION INDICATED CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD RELATIONS WITH THE NORTH. DEPARTMENT REPLIED THAT U.S. POLICY HAS NOT CHANGED, AND REFERRED EMBASSY OFFICER TO STATEMENTS OF PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION -- SPECIFICALLY SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECHES TO THE UNGA IN 1975 AND 1976, AS WELL AS HIS SEATTLE SPEECH OF JULY 22, 1976.

3. THERE IS NO BASIS FOR JAPANESE PRESS SPECULATION THAT STATEMENT REPRESENTS "SUBTLE CHANGE" IN U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. HABIB

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